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FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4815

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMCONSUL BUKAVU

AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0337

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA AND SMITH, STEVE AND HUNTER,  
CARRIE)

SUBJECT: BURUNDI HESITATION ON BROADCAST OF MESSAGE TO KIDNAPPERS

REF A) STATE 121984; B) BUJUMBURA 326; C) DAR ES SALAAM 1620

1. SINCE MY FIRST TALK MAY 22 (REF B) WITH MANGONA, FONOFF  
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, (MINISTER IS AGAIN  
OUT OF COUNTRY AFTER ONE DAY IN HIS OFFICE MAY 23) I HAVE  
PRESSED FOR BURUNDI ACTION TWICE DURING INFORMAL MORNING MEET-  
ING WITH HIM AT AIRPORT AND EVENING CHAT AT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION.  
EACH TIME HE HAS SAID THAT, WHILE BURUNDI IS VERY SYMPATHETIC  
TO HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS, IT WILL DECIDE WHEN AND HOW TO ACT.  
AT ALL THREE MEETINGS, I HAVE ASKED TO BE PUT INTO TOUCH  
DIRECTLY WITH ARMY AND POLICE AUTHORITIES WHO MIGHT CONDUCT  
SEARCH, BUT MANGONA HAS TURNED REQUESTS ASIDE BY SAYING FONOFF  
WOULD TAKE CARE OF LIAISON. (EMBOFF WHO HAS OFFICIAL LIAISON  
CHANNEL ESTABLISHED WITH ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SHOULD RETURN  
BUJUMBURA MAY 24 AND WE WILL TRY AT ONCE TO MAKE CONTACT.)

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2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS (REF A). I CALLED ON MANGONA

AGAIN THIS MORNING WITH FRENCH TRANSLATION OF TEXT RECEIVED

FROM DEPARTMENT AND ASKED HIM TO HAVE IT BROADCAST IN FRENCH AND SWAHILI FROM BOTH BURUNDI GOVERNMENT RADIO AND FROM AMERICAN MISSIONARY TRANSMITTER (RADIO CORDAC). MANGONA SAID THAT BURUNDI WOULD INSIST ON ONE PRINCIPLE, NAMELY, THAT ANY ACTIONS WHICH IT TOOK WOULD HAVE TO BE AT REQUEST OF TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD JURISDICTION OVER SCENE OF CRIME. I REPLIED THAT I WAS SURE TANGOV HAD ASKED BURUNDI FOR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT (REF C), BUT HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR YANDA IN DAR ES SALAAM. AT VERY MOMENT, HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM YANDA AND, AFTER CONVERSATION IN KIRUNDI, HE TOLD ME THAT YANDA HAD CONFIRMED THAT BURUNDI EMBASSY HAD NEVER BEEN APPROACHED BY TANGOV. THOUGH I EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT AND ASKED MANGONA TO ARRANGE BROADCAST ANYWAY AS HUMANITARIAN GESTURE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF OFFICIAL APPROACHES IN DAR ES SALAAM, HE WAS ADAMANT.

3. MANGONA ALSO SAID THAT EVEN WHEN HE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF TANGOV APPEAL TO BURUNDI, HIS OWN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SOLE JUDGE OF WHICH MEASURES IT WOULD CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. I SAID THAT I HOPED THIS DID NOT EXCLUDE PRIOR CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION, NOR POSSIBLE USE OF BROADCAST TEXT WHICH I HAD PROVIDED. HE SAID HE WOULD LET ME KNOW AFTER BURUNDI DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN, BUT, UP TO NOW, BURUNDI ARMY AND POLICE, THOUGH INFORMED, HAD UNDERTAKEN NO RPT NO SEARCHES. WE DID MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEEKEND COMMUNICATIONS, BUT IT IS USUALLY VERY DIFFICULT TO ROUSE PEOPLE HERE BEFORE MONDAY MORNING ONCE OFFICES CLOSE SATURDAY NOON.

4. MANGONA IS NEW TO JOB (MAY 5) AND, DESPITE 12 YEARS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE ABROAD, HAS NEVER BEFORE WORKED IN FONOFF. NEVERTHELESS, I FIND HIS FORMALISM AND RIGIDITY TOTALLY MISPLACED IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. EVEN IF DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY CALLED IN AMBASSADOR NDABANIWE ON GOMBE AFFAIR, I WOULD URGE IT TO DO SO AGAIN TO EXPRESS ITS IMPATIENCE WITH LEGALISMS WHEN LIVES ARE AT STAKE. I ALSO HOPE THAT EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM CAN STRAIGHTEN OUT RECORD OF CONTACT BETWEEN TANGOV AND BURUNDI AMBASSADOR YANDA. THOUGH LATTER HAS POOR REPUTATION HERE, IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD TELL MANGONA DELIBERATE

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UNTRUTH ABOUT NOT RPT NOT HAVING BEEN CONTACTED.  
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